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SUBJ: ECEVIT AND ERBAKAN MAKE STATEMENTS ON CYPRUS

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SUMMARY: TWO KEY POLITICAL FIGURES, OPPOSITION LEADER ECEVIT AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ERBAKAN, IN STATEMENTS PUBLISHED OCTOBER 20 DISCUSSED CYPRUS AND U.S. INSTALLATIONS. ECEVIT IN HIS STATEMENT REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT A CYPRUS SOLUTION SHOULD BE EXPEDITED AND ATTACKED THE GOVERNMENT'S CREDIBILITY ON THE INSTALLATIONS ISSUE. ERBAKAN RESTATED HIS OPPOSITION TO MAJOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS BUT DID NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE A FIRM STAND ON THE INSTALLATIONS QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, IN A

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LENGTHY TWO-PART INTERVIEW WITH MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI

OCTOBER 20, MADE THESE POINTS:

A. CYPURS: "IT IS NECESSARY TO FIND A SOLUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EVERY SOLUTION ENTAILS A COMPROMISE, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE IT AS A CONCESSION...BESIDES, ALL THE PARTY LEADERS KNOW THE KIND OF FORMULA I AM THINKING OF FOR SUCH A SOLUTION. IF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES A SOLUTION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SUCH A FORMULA, IT WILL RECEIVE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FROM THE RPP."

"IT IS SAID 'IN VIEW OF THE LATEST DECISION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, WE CAN NOW TAKE THE STEP WE WANT TO TAKE.' THERE IS NO SENSE IN EMBRACING SUCH A JUSTIFICATION. NOBODY IN TURKEY TAKES THE AMERICAN CONGRESS' DECISION SERIOUSLY... BUT REGARDLESS OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS OR OF AMERICA AS A WHOLE, WE SHOULD, WITHOUT LOSS OF TIME, DO WHAT IS NECESSARY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TURKEY, THE TURK CYPRIOTS, CYPRUS AS A WHOLE AND EVEN FROM THE STANDPOINT OF GREEK-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP."

B. INSTALLATIONS: ASKED IF HE FELT THAT OPERATIONS ON THE U.S. INSTALLATIONS SHOULD BE RESTORED IN VIEW OF THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, ECEVIT REPEATED A MAXIM OF EX-PRIMIN INONU THAT A PARTY CANNOT CARRY OUT FOREIGN POLICY, OR EXPRESS OPINIONS BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT, WHEN IT IS NOT IN POWER. ECEVIT THEN CRITICIZED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHUT-DOWN, SAYING: "THE PERSONNEL ARE STILL THERE AND NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER THE INSTALLATIONS ARE OR ARE NOT BEING USED AS BEFORE... CERTAIN PRIVILEGES OF THE PERSONNEL WHICH WERE RESTRICTED AT THE BEGINNING HAVE RECENTLY BEEN RELAXED. WHEN THE PERSONNEL ARE STILL ON THE INSTALLATIONS AND WHEN THE LIGHTS BURN AS BRIGHTLY AS BEFORE, NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THAT MATTERS HAVE CHANGED BEYOND A CERTAIN DEGREE, JUST BECAUSE A TURKISH FLAG HAS BEEN RAISED ALONG SIDE THE AMERICAN FLAG." ECEVIT ALSO NOTED THAT THE VALUE OF THE INSTALLATIONS WAS "DEBATABLE", EVEN AMONG AMERICANS. FURTHER, THE EXEMPTION OF INCIRLIK "COMPLETELY ELIMINATED THE CREDIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT."

2. ERBAKAN, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD MIDWAY THROUGH THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING OCTOBER 19, ANNOUNCED HIS PARTY'S DECISIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING. HE SAID THE NSP'S POSITIONS ARE:

A. IT "IS NOT IN FAVOR OF GIVING TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN ORDER TO REACH A FINAL SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK OF ABANDONING SUCH TURKISH CITIES AS OMORFO (MORPHOU), MARAS (VAROSHA) AND MAGOSA (FAMAGUSTA);"

B. " IN CASE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS MAINTAIN THEIR UNCON-
CILIATORY ATTITUDE AND PERSIST IN HAVING CYPRUS REPRESENTED ONLY
BY GREEK CYPRIOTS, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROCLAIM
THE TRSC AS THE INDEPENDENT TURKISH STATE OF CYPRUS;"

C. "WE FIND ADVANTAGE IN THE PLO' S OPENING A BUREAU
IN TURKEY;"

D. "WE ARE IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING OUR RELATIONS WIHT
MUSLIM COUNTRIES, NOT IN MERE WORDS BUT DEEDS, AND BREAKING
OUR RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL."

3. AS TO THE FUTURE OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS, ERBAKAN STATED THAT
NO RPT NO POSITION HAD BEEN TAKEN PENDING THE PARTY'S RECEIPT OF
THE DETAILS AT THE OCTOBER 20 NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.
NSP POSITIONS ON VARIOUS DOMESTIC ISSUES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED ON
OCTOBER 20, HE SAID.
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